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SUBJECT: INCREASE IN FAAS/DAS POSITION

REF: BELGRADE'S 0161

1. BUREAU SUPPORTS EMBASSY'S INITIATIVE TO INTEGRATE USIS ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES INTO ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION. AFTER RECEIVING USIA-WASHINGTON CONCURRENCE, WE WILL SEEK APPROVAL OF FAAS INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL FOR SIX FSL FAAS/DAS POSITIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IF THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL APPROVES, THE DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE TO REQUEST OMB INCREASE DEPARTMENT'S EMPLOYMENT CEILING BY SIX, TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM USIA. OMB WILL REQUIRE REDUCTION OF SIX IN USIA EMPLOYMENT CEILING. HOWEVER, MAJOR PROBLEM HAS NOW DEVELOPED WITH TRANSFER OF POSITION
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CEILINGS FROM ONE AGENCY TO ANOTHER. UNDER CURRENT GUIDELINES, OMB MIGHT SIMPLY REDUCE USIS POSITION CEILING BY SIX AND INSTRUCT DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE NECESSARY POSITION INCREASE FROM ITS CURRENT BASE. IF THAT WERE THE CASE, OUR SEVERELY CURTAILED OVERALL EMPLOYMENT CEILING FOR FY-78 COULD NOT PROVIDE FOR ABSORPTION OF EVEN THIS SMALL NUMBER. DEPARTMENT IS NOW SEEKING TO RE-ESTABLISH PREVIOUS SYSTEM

WHICH ALLOWED DAS TRANSFERS FROM OTHER AGENCIES TO OUR CEILING, BUT SUCH A CHANGE WILL HAVE TO BE APPROVED AT THE HIGHEST OMB LEVEL AND WE DOUBT THIS WILL OCCUR BY 2/12/78.

3. IN THE MEANTIME, EMBASSY MAY PROCEED WITH WHATEVER INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS IT WISHES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL TO ACHIEVE THIS RESULT. IF THE INTER-AGENCY CEILING TRANSFER PROBLEM CAN BE OVERCOME AND WITH THE INTER-AGENCY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL, WE WILL PROCEED WITH FORMAL TRANSFER OF THESE POSITIONS TO EMBASSY'S FAAS/DAS COMPLEMENT. CHRISTOPHER

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